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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF WESTERN TALKS ON ZAIRE

1. TANGOV-CONTROLLED PRESS ATTACKED THE WEST JUNE 1 IN A  
SCOPE AND STYLE NOT SEEN FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. COVERAGE INCLUDED  
FRENCH "MASSACRES" AND "WESTERN" INTERVENTION IN SHABA, BUT  
GREATER ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO PARIS MEETING ON ZAIRE.

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2. MAIN ARTICLE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS, UNDER  
HEADLINE "WEST PLOTS ON AFRICA," DEALT WITH PARIS NATO  
MEETING ON ZAIRE. LEAD SENTENCE READ, "WESTERN POWERS WILL  
HOLD TALKS IN PARIS NEXT WEEK TO PLOT ACTION AGAINST PROGRESSIVE  
AFRICAN STATES." "UNDER THE PROPOSED ACTION AGAINST SOVIET AND  
CUBAN AID TO AFRICAN STATES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THE  
WESTERN POWERS WILL SUPPORT ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS IN WHAT

THEY REGARD AS LEFTIST AFRICAN COUNTRIES." CONSIDERABLE MENTION WAS MADE OF US ATTENDANCE AT PARIS TALKS. PART OF ARTICLE WAS DEVOTED TO ABC INTERVIEW OF CUBAN VICE PRESIDENT, IN WHICH "COMRADE" RODRIGUEZ REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED BRZEZINSKI AS AN ENEMY OF ALL PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE, PRESIDENT CARTER AS CONCERNED ABOUT ONLY WHITE DEATHS IN SHABA, AND FRANCE, SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES, AS HAVING LAUNCHED THE OPERATION THAT CAUSED THE SHABA KILLINGS.

3. UNDER HEADLINE "INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE BY WEST HARMFUL," DAILY NEWS REPORTED BREZHNEV'S PRAGUE REMARKS THAT NATO "HAD TRIED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE 'CYNICAL CHARACTER' OF ITS INTERVENTION IN SHABA BY BLAMING THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA."

4. PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE DAILY NEWS PICTURE SHOWED ALLEGED FRENCH SOLDIERS STANDING OVER AFRICANS LYING ON THE GROUND. CAPTION READ: "THE ONLY RULE IN ZAIRE'S KEY MINING CENTER OF KOLWEZI IS NOW THAT OF THE FRENCH GUN. DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE FRENCH PARATROOPERS HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERING THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO PRODUCE IDENTITY CARDS\* NO IDENTITY CARD, NO RIGHT TO LIVE\* IT'S ALL PART OF THE WESTERN 'RESCUE OPERATION\*'"

5. EDITORIAL IN PARTY DAILY UHURU ASKED IF NATO MEMBERS, IN THEIR CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES, WERE NOT AWARE OF FRANCE'S MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. "CUBAN TROOPS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ITS NATIONALS COME TO AFRICA AT THE REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MASSES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO HELPING US SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOMS THE CUBANS ALSO HELP IN FIGHTING COLONIAL EVILS AND HANGOVERS LEFT BY THE COLONIALISTS. CUBANS ALSO HELP IN BUILDING SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, AND IN AGRICULTURE. THIS IS CONTRARY TO WHAT TROOPS FROM THE WESTERN STATES WHO ARE NATO MEMBERS DO IN AFRICA. FOR A LONG TIME, FRENCH COLONIALISTS WERE IN AFRICA AND DID NOTHING. TODAY, WHEN THEY COME TO OUR CONTINENT AGAIN, THEY DO NOTHING GOOD FOR THE AFRICAN MASSES BUT INSTEAD LOOT AND MASSACRE. THESE ARE IN FACT THE INVADERS WE SHOULD FEAR IN AFRICA."

7. UHURU EDITORIAL SAID AFRICA WOULD SUPPORT THOSE WHO GENUINELY OPPOSED MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, BUT IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT "HYPOCRITES WHO WANT TO HIDE THEIR COLONIALIST MANEUVERS." "THOSE WHO ARE BEING INVITED BY THE MASSES THEMSELVES TO HELP IN SAFEGUARDING, TO STRENGTHEN AND PERPETUATE OUR FREEDOM AND DEVELOPMENT ARE OUR FRIENDS, WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HELP US IN OUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; BUT THOSE WHO ENTER OUR CONTINENT BY FORCE IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THEIR IMPERIALIST INTERESTS BY OPPRESSING THE MASSES ARE THE REAL INVADERS AND MUST AT ANY COST BE FOUGHT TO THE FINISH."

8. COMMENT. SUCH COORDINATED COVERAGE IS NORMALLY REFLECTIVE OF TANGOV ATTITUDES BUT NOT NECESSARILY AUTHORITATIVE. PRESS TREATMENT APPEARS TO BE DESIGNED TO SHAPE ATTITUDES OF TANZANIAN READERSHIP ABOUT ISSUE OF WESTERN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, A SUBJECT WHICH TANGOV MAY SEE AS HOLDING CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR CONFRONTATION WITH WEST.  
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